Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Governor

Judith A. Monroe, M.D. State Health Commissioner March 2009



To Whom It May Concern:

Each year the Office of Women's Health at the Indiana State Department of Health strives to advance the health and well-being of Hoosier women. Through our INFluence initiative, we provide an avenue by which powerful Hoosier women (leaders in government, business, health care, education, media, and faith-based and community organizations) are educated about critical women's health issues, given a charge to educate about and advocate for women's health in their own spheres of influence, and provided with toolkits and resources to help them accomplish this goal.

On Thursday, May 14, 2009 from 6-9pm the Office of Women's Health will host the 3rd Annual INFluence Women's Health Forum to kick-off a year long initiative with the theme "Igniting Your Passion for Healthy Hearts." The forum will consist of a networking hour with silent auction, educational presentations, and an open forum at the Indiana State Museum in downtown Indianapolis. Speakers will share how to use our INFluence to promote heart health, disclose how heart disease has impacted their lives, provide critical heart health information, and urge attendees to carry out specific action steps aimed at improving heart health in Indiana.

Today, you can help make a difference in the health of Hoosier women. We are requesting an item from your company as a donation to be included in our silent auction at the forum. The proceeds will go to the Office of Women's Health to help fund the INFluence initiative and other women's health projects. Please consider this opportunity to play a role in improving the health of our state.

You may contact me at 317-233-2170 or <u>tparrish@isdh.in.gov</u> if you have any questions or to confirm your donation. Please send your item(s) by May 8, 2009 to:

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Or you can contact me to arrange for someone to pick up your donation. I hope we can count on your support! In appreciation of those who contribute to the silent auction, all donors will be acknowledged at the forum during the presentations and on signage at the event.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tanya S. Parrish

Director, Office of Women's Health

